

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Vandaele § Atty. Dkt. No.: F-913  
Serial No.: 10/589,203 §  
Confirmation No.: 6656 § Group Art Unit: 1796  
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For: Transfer Vessel between Flash Tank § Examiner: Boykin  
and Purge Column §  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 18, 2009**

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims based on the following.